

MD7 NEWS

A Compendium of Notes & Comments
For Arkansas Lions
August 2020 -- No. 9



LIONS CONTINUE TO SERVE



Inside: Club reports show Arkansas Lions remain active during the pandemic.

ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

Fellow Lions and Friends: Nearly every club in every district in Arkansas is struggling with circumstances caused by the worldwide pandemic. Whether your meeting place is closed, your members are concerned about meeting in-person, your ability to raise funds has been non-existent, your membership is losing enthusiasm and motivation, your dues situation is stressed or you just don't know what to do.

Please understand that there are still many positives Lions can rely on. Many of our **COMMUNITIES** still depend on your club for service. In my area we are not only dealing with the plague but also three devastating tornadoes. Some of our clubs have been helping with relief efforts and supplies, District 7-O got a grant to replenish our Alert trailer and clubs are still providing food and comfort to many in their area.



Zoom has allowed our state, our districts and many of our clubs with an **ONLINE** presence. Being able to keep in touch with members and continue to meet has been a Godsend. If this virus had come along just a few years ago we would not have been able to meet in any way. We are still exploring the limits of what we will be able to do through online activities. If your club has not tried this, please give it some consideration. It could mean saving your club.

Lions **VISIBILITY** continues to be a concern, but we are still able to do this through social media and I've even seen some newspaper articles and heard of TV coverage of our projects and some of our prominent Lion leaders like WSB's Sharon Giovinazzo. We all need to continue publicizing our events, our meetings and our service and keep the Lions logo and name in the news. There are so many venues to continue getting **INFORMATION** about training, leadership, recruitment, retention and service through Lions Clubs International. If you have not looked at www.lionsclubs.org recently, please take a few minutes to do this. You can look under the <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center> tab to access many new and exciting sessions. You can also go to <https://lionsuniversity.org> to find year-round leadership lessons that are extremely valuable in your growth as a Lion leader.

Lions, we must continue to be **DEDICATED** to serving our communities in whatever way we can. We all understand there are limitations, but we can use these limits as parameters to expand our service even more. There are so many ways Lions can serve. Put on your thinking cap (with your mask) and find ways that you can involve the entire community in your service.. So, **C-COMMUNITY, O-ONLINE, V-VISIBILITY, I-INFORMATION, D-DEDICATION** (yes that spells COVID) can still be a positive for Lions as well as the communities **WE SERVE**.

Whatever the circumstances, we must continue to serve however we can.

Together in service
Brad Baker, Council Chair

Council of Governors
2020-2021

Council Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Member
				
Brad Baker	Jeremy Kimble	Jeff Davis	Cleon Rodgers	Ethan Dunbar

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ARKANSAS NEWS

COUNCIL MEETS ON ZOOM

Thirty Arkansas Lions attended the first Council of Governors meeting held on Saturday July 25. Because of the Covid crisis, the in-person meeting scheduled for Hot Springs was canceled and the Zoom virtual meeting platform used instead.

In addition to Council Chair Brad Baker and the four district governors, Ethan Dunbar, Jeff Davis, Jeremy Kimble and Cleon Rogers, most committee leaders were also in attendance and gave reports.

The budget for FY 2020-21 was presented and passed along with the minutes of previous council meetings.

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State Secretary Wanda Green reported that the state and prestige pins should be here shortly and suggested they be priced at two and six dollars, which the governors approved.

The state directory (not available this year as a print edition) will be returned to the e-clubhouse website without password protection.

Each of the district governors indicated not many clubs are holding actual meetings, but most are meeting virtually. Each district is setting in motion their North America Membership Initiative (NAMI) plans and are working with clubs to maintain member enthusiasm and their commitment to service during these unusual times.

The next council meeting is set for October 23 as part of the district 7-I convention.

Minutes of the council meeting along with the written reports are available on our e-clubhouse webpage. E-Districtclubs.org/sites/MD7

COVID AND LIONS EVENTS

District and state leaders are having the same discussion as club members right now — should we hold meetings? With mask, social distancing, and crowd limits in place along with a limited choice of open venues, planning with any certainty is difficult.

District conventions are coming up in September and October. 7-I DG Jeff Davis and 7-N DG Cleon Rogers have indicated they are seriously considering virtual events while DGs Jeremy Kimble, 7-O and Ethan Dunbar, 7-L are going forward with plans for live conventions.

January's Mid-Winter forum and April's State Convention are being planned as actual events also. Although our first Council of Governors meeting was held using Zoom, it is hoped the year's remaining council meetings can be in-person meetings.

- 7-N Convention -----September, Little Rock
- 7-L Convention ----- October 9-10, Hope
- 7-O Convention ----- October 16-17, Jonesboro
- 7-I Convention ----- October 23-24, Benton County
- Council of Governors -----October 23, Benton County
- Mid-Winter Forum -----January 22-23, Jonesboro
- Council of Governors ----- January 22, Jonesboro
- State Convention ----- April 30-May 1, LR or NLR
- Council of Governors -----April 30, LR or NLR

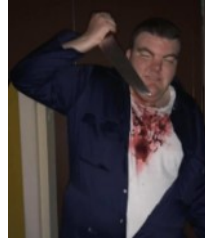
NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ARKANSAS (MD-7) LIONS

State Secretary Wanda Green announced that the state's email address has changed to:

arkansaslions7@gmail.com

DO NOT BE AFRAID

HAUNTED HOUSE SUPPORTS WSB



Being chased through a haunted house by a chainsaw-wielding attacker (Lion Brandon) is terrifying enough for most people, but for a group of blind and visually impaired teens and adults, the feigned mauling brought another level of fear.

"It was the scariest thing ever," Evann, 13, and visually impaired, said of his first haunted hospital experience. "The chainsaw guy was the worst. I want to go back, though. I loved it."

Members of Gravel Ridge, Little Rock South, LR Founders, Conway Evening, Lonoke, North Little Rock and Pine Bluff Lions help with the production. Halloween takes on a new twist as they invite you to tour the haunted house at WSB.

"Brandon Sims, event coordinator, is beyond passionate about the Haunted house and it's evident more and more each year with the growing number of props, the obvious time spent planning and making sure things are better than the year before, but more importantly, the increasing level of TERROR!" KaLynn Fisher said.

The Haunted House is located at 2811 Fair Park Blvd, Little Rock, Arkansas. The admission is free but donations are accepted with the funds donated to World Service for the Blind.

The blind and vision-impaired do everything that sighted people do every day. They have the same cares and wants, and they want to be entertained same as everyone else.

The cemetery is a must to see. (Lion Fran) View the spooky scene with the Halloween tombstones. (William Gunder ~ Made one little blunder ~ Now he's six feet under). A hearse is available for use. Several Cemetery workers are ready for digging your grave. (Lions Cleon & Becky) PDG Gloria (Old Lady with doll) will want you to play. You will also find the Big Butt lady (Lion Sharon G) walking the street. (So much attention she was interviewed by Little Rock Police Department). The hospital beds filled with patient's welcome visitors. The nurses are ready to check your stats, they do have needles for shots. (Serenity & Kaitlyn) You may be visit by witches (Wanda & Sue) and ghosts from the past. The insane asylum is filled with a lady in straight jacket. (WSB trainee). Several clowns are waiting to perform for you. (Lions Bruce, Kathy and Betsy) I think they have invited a group from the circus to join us this year. Leo the Lion is walking around roaring. (Lion Ron).

You're in the dark and suddenly someone jumps out in from of you and screams. There are some scary moments.

Last but not least treats are given. We **DARE** you to Enter!



CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Jesse D. Hawkins (Hot Springs)

District 7-L Lion Toni Shockey reporting

The Jesse D Hawkins Lions Club holds parking lot meetings under the shade trees at Greater St Paul Church. Our latest service project completed Saturday, July 11th was cleaning our designated street.



Fort Smith Noon

District 7-I Lion Marty Houston reporting

The Fort Smith Lions have been meeting at the Riverfront amphitheater.

Lion Mike Lyons presented Lion Dovie Tinsley an arrangement from the club to recognize her many years of service to the club. She has been a member with Fort Smith Noon Lions since 1990, and has served as club president, secretary, treasurer and board member. We have also leaned on Lion Dovie's knowledge of the club by laws on several occasions.



Daniel Moore of the Fort Smith BBQ Society will be on hand once again to smoke the ribs for the club's annual BBQ Rib sale.

Lion Joe Scherry said he just received a large donation from the Grand Avenue Baptist church of 300 pairs of glasses that was part of the church's outreach ministry. The church also has eye exam equipment which is going to be retired. He will inquire about the availability of the equipment for the club to put to use.

Lion Barbara displayed new banners for the club thanks to efforts from Lion Steve Wilhelm:



Saratoga Tri-County

District 7-L Lion Dale Gathright reporting

Saratoga Tri-County Lions recently conducted a pandemic-delayed yard sale to raise funds for operation of the club-owned Saratoga Community Center.

We also have an aluminum can drive underway and continues to recycle cardboard and paper through Howard County Children's Center.

Mountain Home

District 7-I Lion Carolyn Chentnik reporting

Mountain Home Lions Club member Larry Luman, along with President, Angela Broome and several additional Mountain Home Lions members presented *Hope For All* with a \$500 donation for 2020.

Lion Larry was recently recognized and presented with the Jerry Strobel Community Service Award. This award recognizes a Mountain Home Lion who actively serves our club as well as participating in other Twin Lakes charitable organizations. As the winner of the JS award, Lion Larry Luman chose *Hope For All* as the non-profit that would benefit from this donation. Thank you, Lion Larry, for all your hard work!

Hope For All is a faith-based organization which seeks to give HOPE to those who are homeless, within the Mountain Home area, by ministering to their physical and spiritual needs.



Pictured L/R: (Back Row) Lion Mike Densmore, Lion Larry Luman, Lion Gary Stricklin, Lion Keith Sharp, Lion Philip Garner, (Front Row) Lion Carolyn Densmore, Lion Becky Nies, Lion Mia Schwierzke, Lion Brenda Allen, Lion President Angela Broome, Lion Beverly Sandvos, Lion Shelly Hill, Lion Joan Barnett, Lion

South Hot Springs

District 7-L Lion Jeff Loudon reporting

South Hot Springs Lions Club has been meeting face to face for the last six weeks. We are meeting in a local park with a large covered picnic area. It is open air and also gives us plenty of room to stay at least six feet apart. We do have a few members who, for health reasons, have chosen not to attend for the time being. Our President is reaching out to those members weekly by email or phone to keep them involved.

In July we were able to hold our semi annual gun show. The show went great! It was best crowd in a couple shows. Gun show chairman Lion Steve Yack faced many obstacles including fewer tables because of mandated wider aisles. All vendors wore masks (to say this is a group that isn't big on masks is an under statement). All visitors, workers and vendors complied with state and federal guild-lines.

MORE CLUB NEWS:

Cherokee Village

District 7-O Lion Emmett Griffith reporting

The Cherokee Village Lions Club has purchased a bench that we placed in a garden spot at Town Center. It is a granite bench with our clubs name and logo on it.

We are planning our annual golf tournament for August 29th at the South Golf Course in Cherokee along with plans to raffle off a .243 caliber rifle by selling 20.00 tickets. If interested in any of these please call Lion Emmett Griffith, his phone number is 870-847-2279 after noon on weekdays.

Corning

District 7-O Lion Lisa Holsapple reporting

The Corning Lions Club is selling 200 tickets in the amount of \$100 each. The winning ticket holder will win the grand sum of \$10,000, which will be drawn on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at the Corning Chamber of Commerce office. You do not have to be present to win. We will notify the winner by phone.

If you would like to share the cost of the ticket with another family member, friend or co-worker, fee free to do so.

The money raised will be used for sight conservation.

You can mail your donation (along with your name, address and phone number) to:

Corning Lions Club
PO Box 439
Corning, AR 72422

Upon receiving your donation, a receipt will be mailed to you.

Clarksville

District 7-I Lion Rita Price reporting

The Clarksville Lions Club met Tuesday Aug. 11. This was our first meeting since the Covid outbreak in mid-March.

We had the privilege of inducting Sylvia Richie as the newest member of the Clarksville Lions Club! Pictured is Lion Philip Taylor (sponsor) PCC Tracy Price and New Lion Sylvia Ritchie!

President Terry Kerbs presents Lion Philip Taylor with the Clarksville Lion Club Lion of the Year Award for 2019-2020.



Gravette

District 7-I Lion Jeff Davis reporting

The Gravette Lions Club has been meeting on Zoom for several months now, but did hold our first meeting in July in the park. Not only were we installing new officers, but we were celebrating our 7th anniversary.



Past Council Chair Ken Swanson, our Guiding Lion for the first three years, installed new officers. Past Council Chair Myrna McGee was also a special guest.

Lion Snooky Garrett was named Lion of the Year. Snooky and her sister (also a Lion) are both retired nurses and together conduct monthly health screenings at our local senior activity center.



In May, we cleaned up and weeded the seating area at the cemetery that we have taken care of for years. Last year, we planted an assortment of hosta plants, and have more ordered to be planted this fall.

Our library recently finished their rear deck and we are now ready to install a metal bench (with Lions sign) on the deck. It is currently being prepped and should be installed in a few weeks.

Our club, along with the local library and the Dogwood Literacy Council are preparing to become adult literacy tutors. The literacy council provided the written material and we sponsored the on-line training/certification.

We participated (cover photo) in the Gravette Day parade. The parade, one of the few Gravette Day events not canceled, meandered through most Gravette neighborhood, having been expanded so folks didn't have to gather downtown to watch.

Russellville

District 7-I Lion Mike Benefield reporting

Our Club has resumed face-to-face meetings this month for the first time since the beginning of March. (Our first meeting had 10 out of 47 present.) But our attendance is improving...

However, our fundraising is still hurting! Our two major fund-raisers are: A raffle at our Pope County Fair in September (which has been cancelled), and a Radio Auction, where we ask local merchants for donations to auction off on the first Saturday in December.

We have decided to cancel it, also, since most businesses in Russellville are struggling to survive due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dardanelle

District 7-I Lion Margaret Altemus reporting

The Dardanelle Lions Club resumed meeting in early May in an unusual manner. Members were welcomed on the large covered porches and decks of the homes of David Merritt and George Jones which allowed for social distancing, catching up on news, and planning for the 2020-2021 year. Savannah Vaughn assumed her role as club president and the group determined what Lion-related giving could be provided given the cancellation of the club's largest fund-raiser at Yell Fest. The club may have slowed down, but it hasn't given up!

MORE CLUB NEWS:

Rogers

District 7-I Lion Laurie Marshall reporting

Saline County Professional Women

District 7-L Lion Melissa "Mel" Rickard reporting

As Saline County Professional Women's Lions Club enters our sophomore year, not even the coronavirus can stop our momentum! Since the main virus outbreak we have been creative with our meetings and getting the word of Lionism out to our members!

On June 29th PDG Claudia Griffin installed the new officers for the 2020-2021 term at Lost Pizza Company in Benton. New officers are as follows: Amy Seagraves - President, Michelle Haislip- Vice President, Melissa "Mel" Rickard- 2nd Vice President/Tail Twister, Valerie MacEntee- Membership Chairwoman, Linda James-Secretary, Ellen Rackley-Treasurer, Anna Vick-Program Director and Amanda Clift-Lion Tamer.

Our board and regular club meetings are mostly carried out by Zoom meetings, where we have a chance to catch up with each other and see what our members are up to! We have run a couple Facebook meetings by individual posts on our Facebook group site as well as some informative and sometimes downright silly posts (and bad, bad jokes) from our Tail Twister. . (Side note: please join us on our page at Saline County Professional Women's Lions Club)

Our club remains active on our service projects and are currently collecting fabric masks to deliver to nearby nursing facilities and rehabilitation centers. We are in the process of putting out eyeglass collection boxes to start collecting recycled eyeglasses as well.

Our fun-loving roving Mascot "Lola the Lion" Can been seen out and about Benton with her mask on meeting and greeting the friendly members of our community while bringing attention to our amazing local businesses.

We are excited to begin our sophomore year and look forward to finding creative ways for our club to meet while supporting our many service projects and fundraisers.

We are currently meeting at 6PM one Monday a month to make sure the roar of Lionism continues to be heard in Saline County!



Prairie Grove

District 7-I Club report

The Prairie Grove Lions Club has cancelled our annual Clothesline Fair for 2020. This would have been the 69th Clothesline Fair. No one can remember it every being cancelled before.

We will continue to meet twice a month through October, and then we'll slow down to monthly for November-March.

The War Eagle Trail Run has always been a significant source of revenue for the Rogers Lions Club, so when the decision was made to move this year's event to virtual participation only, club leadership assumed there would be a hole in the budget moving into the 2020-21 fiscal year. But thanks to a tremendous effort on the part of the



event organizers and the reduced overhead costs of a virtual event vs. in-person, we were thrilled to accept a check for \$6,000! We tapped out of our program funds early last year, so this news was the cause of much rejoicing. Thanks to Lion Greg Lindley, co-organizer and event founder, and James Reeves and Mike Rush of Rush Running for their tremendous passion for the mission of the Lions Club!

Jonesboro University Heights

District 7-I Lion Norman Dickson reporting

Recent programs for the Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club include a presentation by **Sharon Giovinazzo**, President/CEO of the World Services for the Blind (WSB) in Little Rock, who spoke via Zoom from Little Rock. The WSB is the most comprehensive rehabilitation center for people who are blind or visually impaired in the country, and probably in the world.

Another presentation was given via Zoom by **Scott Shelhamer** of Bartlett, TN, who is the President of Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Service in Memphis, TN. Mid-South Lions' mission is to positively enhance the lives of the indigent sight or hearing impaired by providing light, sound, and hope through partnerships between Lions Clubs, medical professionals and facilities throughout the Mid-South, specifically Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Missouri. They accomplish these goals by providing a wide range of medical services for the indigent sight and hearing impaired, with each of these services geared towards curing preventable blindness. This was a great Zoom meeting.

FedEx pilot **Markus Hartwig**, spoke via Zoom from Hong Kong about flying around the world during the current pandemic. Cargo airlines, unlike passenger ones, have not seen any reductions in flights, and if anything are busier than ever.

Along with Weiner and Nettleton Lions Clubs we hosted The first 2020-2021 7-O Cabinet meeting for the year on Saturday July 18th in Jonesboro. Everyone one was invited to attend and participate in person, but many attended via Zoom video or Zoom conference call.

A light lunch was available for those at the church. Zoom participants are invited to eat from their own refrigerator.

MORE CLUB NEWS:

Van Buren

District 7-I Lion Terry Carson reporting

Lions Charles Sullivan (40+ years) and Joe McDaniel, Van Buren Club Treasury & District Alert Chair are presenting \$100 to Karen Beckner from the Van Buren School District at recent meeting. She presented to the Club a report on the recent Matthew 25 Project which raised funds for back to school supplies for students attending the Hope Academy in the VBSD Career Center.



The Van Buren Lions resumed meetings in late July.

Hot Springs Diamondhead

District 7-L Lion Steven Hildebrand reporting

We have not had a meeting since February but continued serving our community. Our club donated \$1,000.00 to both The Potters Clay and The Jackson House to assist them with feeding the needy in Hot Springs. We also treated the Potters Clay residents to Taco Tuesday by delivering 100 tacos from Don Juan's Mexican Restaurant.

On the 4th of July we did not officially participate in Diamondhead's 4th of July parade but we did Donate \$500 to the Lake Hamilton Fire Department to fund the food and assist with covering their costs.

We have done several public service projects removing dead trees from the park and golf course, as well as removing brush and tree limbs blocking intersections and street signs. We have continued to work with the POA and the New Developer to obtain permissions for a Lions Club Park honoring Max English (a WWII Veteran who served in both Europe and the Pacific). Max at 96 years young is the only Charter Member of our Club still living in Diamondhead. A Key Feature of the Park will be a Walking Trail for the Blind.

The virus has impacted us but as individuals we have ventured out in our community and let people know our Club is still here and we did hold a Neighborhood Expo featuring local businesses and introducing them to our neighbors. It was a huge success (this was pre Covid).

Brinkley

District 7-N Lion Marty Harper reporting

The Brinkley Lions Club teamed up with other local organizations to provide backpacks filled with school supplies to area students. Lions Club members helping with distribution at the fifth grade table include from left: Doreatha Wiggins, Sharon Skinner, Ron Montgomery, and Marty Harper.



PHOTOS



MORE CLUB NEWS:

Elkins

District 7-I Lion Dean Rowland reporting



Austin Carr of, First National Bank of North Arkansas, presents a \$300 check to the Elkins Lion's Club American Flag Campaign. Accepting the check is Lion's Flag Campaign Chair Bill Epperson and Lion Chris Smiley.

The American Flag campaign puts flags on 12 national or patriotic holidays per year for participating business partners.

Arkansas Grants

PDG Mike Benefield, LCIF Chair

Below is a list of grants that Arkansas Lions have received from LCIF. We are truly blessed to have such support from Lions International for our local District, and State Lions projects. We have received much more than we have given!

I realize (as does LCIF and LCI) that the Corona virus has hit us all HARD! LCIF realizes the economic damage due to the pandemic. Therefore, their emphasis for now is education and offers to help, instead of asking for large donations. Remember the purposes of LCIF Grants; it will not be able to bail out businesses that are suffering.

My goal for LCIF is to have EVERY CLUB in Arkansas to contribute SOMETHING to LCIF. If you cannot afford much, please give what you can!

45 YEARS OF LCIF GRANTS IN ARKANSAS

Grant Name	Amount	Date
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 3,000	01/12/76
ARKANSAS ENTERPRISES FOR BLIND	\$ 4,936	01/12/76
EYEGASSES TO FLOOD VICTIMS	\$ 1,500	02/08/78
ARKANSAS EYE AND KIDNEY BANK	\$ 10	02/14/80
TRAINING PROGRAM FOR BLIND	\$ 10,000	02/14/81
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 4,000	02/19/82
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 3,500	02/19/82
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR AEB	\$ 30,000	02/19/82
ARKANSAS ENTERPRISES FOR BLIND	\$ 100	02/19/83
ARKANSAS ENTERPRISES FOR BLIND	\$ 4,413	02/20/84
MID SOUTH LIONS SIGHT SERVICE	\$ 30,000	02/20/84
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 5,000	02/20/84
EYE/KIDNEY BANK PROGRAM	\$ 583	02/21/84
ARKANSAS ENTERPRISES FOR BLIND	\$ 801	02/21/84
REPLACE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,000	02/21/85
WORLD EYE FOUNDATION	\$ 100	02/21/85
VAN FOR CANCER PATIENTS	\$ 7,225	02/27/86
DORMS FOR STUDENTS AT AEB	\$ 50,000	02/28/88
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 5,000	03/01/88

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TORNADO WARNING DEVICE SYSTEM	\$ 42,500	03/06/88
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 100	06/14/88
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 558	09/06/88
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 5,000	06/04/89
RENOVATE LIONS WORLD SERVICES	\$ 50,000	03/06/90
MICROSCOPE-ARKANSAS EYE BANK	\$ 6,400	05/14/90
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 4,556	06/04/90
RENOVATE LIONS WORLD SEVICES	\$ 50,000	06/04/90
PURCHASE TWO AMBULANCES	\$ 32,500	06/04/90
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 5,000	06/23/90
MID SOUTH LIONS HEARING PROGRA	\$ 50,000	07/18/90
CONSTRUCT BOYS/GIRLS CLUB	\$ 50,000	07/18/90
EQUIP LIONS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	\$ 30,000	06/30/95
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 9,395	04/18/96
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	04/24/96
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 10,000	03/03/97
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 10,000	03/03/97
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	03/03/97
EQUIP LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING	\$ 40,000	10/11/97
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	04/16/98
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	01/22/99
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	01/22/99
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	01/22/99
UPGRADE REHAB CTR. FOR BLIND	\$ 75,000	10/23/99
LIONS-HABITAT HOME-HOT SPRINGS	\$ 27,000	06/13/00
LIONS-HABITAT HOME LITTLE ROCK	\$ 30,000	09/30/00
ICE STORM RELIEF	\$ 10,000	01/09/01
ICE STORM RELIEF	\$ 10,000	01/09/01
LIONS-HABITAT HOME-HOT SPRINGS	\$ 28,500	06/25/01
LIONS-HABITAT HOME - CONWAY	\$ 13,375	11/26/01
REHAB SERVICE FOR THE BLIND	\$ 75,000	11/26/01
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 10,000	11/29/01
LIONS-HABITAT HOME - BENTON	\$ 50,100	06/30/02
LIONS HOSPICE CHILDREN'S PROG.	\$ 75,000	03/27/04
LIONS-HABITAT HOME-BENTON CTY	\$ 8,925	10/07/04
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	04/06/06
LOW VISION PROGRAM	\$ 200,000	10/02/06
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	02/28/07
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	02/08/08
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	02/21/08
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 10,000	04/02/08
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 10,000	04/11/08
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	05/06/08
EQUIP SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND	\$ 23,902	10/28/08
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	04/16/09
TORNADO RELIEF	\$ 10,000	01/03/11
EXPAND LIONS QUEST	\$ 50,000	01/19/11
FURNISH SCHOOL FOR SPEC NEEDS	\$ 41,678	04/21/11
REMODEL ACTIVITY RM. FOR BLIND	\$ 20,000	04/21/11
Flood Relief	\$ 10,000	05/02/11
Tornado Relief	\$ 10,000	05/04/11
Expand Lions Quest (Part II)	\$ 50,000	06/28/11
Purch. Equipment for Eye Bank	\$ 31,500	06/21/12
Tornado Relief	\$ 10,000	04/28/14
Community Recovery	\$ 15,000	05/01/14
Disaster Preparedness	\$ 10,000	08/14/14
Disaster Preparedness	\$ 8,500	10/24/14
Disaster Preparedness	\$ 8,500	10/24/14
Disaster Preparedness	\$ 8,500	11/19/14
Referral Network and Training	\$ 319,500	01/08/15
Vision Mission to Peru	\$ 5,000	05/12/15
Flood Relief	\$ 10,000	06/08/15
Flood Relief	\$ 10,000	05/12/17
Retinal Imaging Equipment for Regional	\$ 40,500	05/10/19
Disaster Preparedness	\$ 10,000	04/13/20

85 Grants for a total of \$ 2,021,658



THE VEST

There is no mystery about the origins of the now ubiquitous Lions vest. It was simply a new apparel item in the 1951 club supplies catalogue that met with wild success and became a Lions icon.

The “No. A-28 Vest,” made of wool gabardine in Lions gold with Lions purple trim, was advertised as “the newest Lions apparel for convention, bowling and meeting wear.” It sold for US\$1.75. Pictured in early ads with the “No. A-25 Change Apron” in gold and purple canvas, the vest-apron ensemble soon became standard Lions gear at community fundraising events.

Members were quick to see the vest as a unique way to show their Lions pride in public. Sales soared in the early years. And it remains a perennial bestseller, with about 10,000 vests shipped annually to clubs and individual members worldwide.

Lions vests have undergone many changes in design and materials since 1951. The original vest was a short-waisted, bolero-style garment designed to be worn with a dress shirt and necktie. In 1960, satin replaced wool as the fabric. The standard vest was redesigned in 1973 to extend below the beltline. Two handy coin pockets were also added.

As more women joined the clubs in the late 1980s and 1990s, a specially-tailored women’s vest debuted in 1997. And for disaster relief efforts and potentially hazardous community service projects—such as cleaning up roadside litter—a line of emergency vests in bright yellow or orange, some with reflective stripes, was added in 2011.

Emergency vests are fastened with Velcro. But no standard vest has ever had a button or a zipper. No problem. An elegant gold-plated vest guard with alligator clips and a pendant Lions emblem is also available. It makes the perfect accessory to the pins, badges and other regalia Lions are proud to display on their trademark vests.

A New Adventure in Learning Join Us!



You can experience the Forum this year in a new way! Join us for the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience. Although we aren't able to facilitate the 80 wonderful seminars that were planned for Louisville, the Forum Planning Committee is excited to present 19 sessions you can attend virtually. It's easy and affordable.

If you have never attended a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, our Virtual Leadership Experience will give an opportunity to understand what we do for your leadership growth in a scaled down version. Our mission is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. We have created a virtual experience filled with seminars that enhance your leadership skills and knowledge. **The Virtual Leadership Experience is for every Lion.**

Choose from 19 sessions that will educate you on programs and services like a Childhood Cancer Symposium, Faces of Diabetes Innovation, how to approach the younger generation about Lions, projects for women and families, learning more with NAMI and so much more.

General Sessions Keynotes



Katherine Greenland
Katherine is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President LCI
Dr. Choi will speak on the services and programs of LCI and give us insight on being United with Kindness and Diversity.



Striker Corbin
As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development.

Complete Event Registration Fee
3 Days - 2 Hour Sessions



Learn More - Register Now!

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From the
**UNKNOWN
TAIL TWISTER**



Can you match the Lions Club Past International President with their pin and motto?
(answers below)



WE SERVE
(THE POWER
OF WE)



STRENGTHEN
THE PRIDE



NEW
MOUNTAINS
TO CLIMB



DIGNITY
HARMONY
HUMANITY



WE SERVE IN
NEW HORIZONS



Joseph (Joe) Preston



Robert (Bob) E. Corlew



Gudrun Yngvadottir



Naresh Aggarwal



Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada



DGs TAKE OATH

On the final day of each international convention, new district governors are installed by the president in a ceremony that ends with all 700 new governors removing the DGE ribbon from their badges simultaneously. Of course, with the Singapore convention canceled this year because of the Covid crisis that traditional ceremony was not possible.

District governors this year were given the oath by IP Choi using a meeting platform that provides language translations. Three ceremonies were needed to accommodate the many different time zones of Lions around the world.

From top: District Governors Ethan Dunbar-7-L, Jeff Davis-7-I, Jeremy Kimble - 7-O and Cleon Rogers- 7-N take their oath at home in front of their computer monitors.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

by PDG Judy Moose



IMAGINE 600,000 children sharing their visions of peace

INSPIRE Young people to showcase their talent

CREATE Memories that will last a lifetime.

Give children in your community, ages 11, 12, and 13, a creative way to express their visions of peace through the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. One grand prize winner and 23 merit winners are chosen each year.

Your club could proudly sponsor this contest in local schools and youth groups in your area. Art teachers are probably looking for new ways to engage their students...especially now through virtual teaching. Contact your local school's art teachers and other local youth groups.

Order kits through Lions Clubs International supplies store...or from PDG Judy Moose,

judy.moose1@gmail.com

Tail Twister Answers:
Preston - Strengthen the Pride,
Corlew - Mountains to Climb
Yngvadottir - We Serve in New Horizons
Aggarwal - We Serve, the power of we.
Yamada - Dignity, Harmony, Humanity